



**Walnut Ridge – Missouri State Line (Future I-57)**  
Project 100512, Clay, Greene, Lawrence, and Randolph Counties


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Location Public Hearings and Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
December 13-15, 2022



On behalf of the Arkansas Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, thank you for participating in this Location Public Hearing with Draft Environmental Impact Statement for project 100512, Walnut Ridge to the Missouri State Line (Future I-57) connection in Clay, Greene, Lawrence, and Randolph counties.

Presentation Overview




Project Overview and Purpose

Meeting Dates and Comment Period

Contact the Project Team

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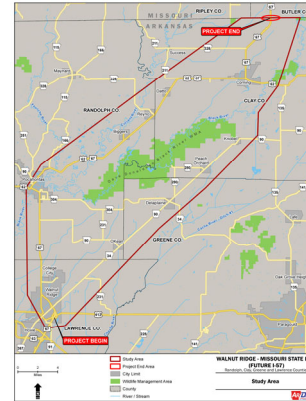
This is a brief presentation on the Walnut Ridge to Missouri State Line (Future I-57) connection.

We will begin with the overview and the purpose of the project, followed by the dates of the Location Public Hearings, and end by outlining the methods available to contact the project team regarding this project. This is a listen-only presentation.

## Walnut Ridge - Missouri State Line (Future I-57) Purpose

Improve safety, mobility, and connectivity

- Bridge the gap in the highway system linkage
- Construct a reliable transportation infrastructure
  - Support economic development
  - Enhance resiliency to extreme weather events



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The purpose of the Future I-57 project is to improve safety, mobility, and connectivity between Walnut Ridge and the Missouri State Line by:

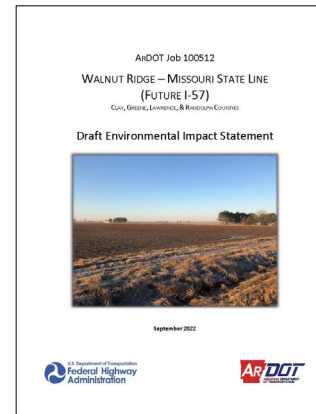
- Bridging the gap in the system linkage that reduces connectivity and mobility of the National Highway System in Clay, Greene, Lawrence, and Randolph counties in Arkansas.
- Constructing a reliable transportation infrastructure. This infrastructure will support economic development in the area and will enhance resiliency along the route to extreme weather events.

The image you see on your screen shows the study area for the Walnut Ridge to Missouri State Line connection in northeast Arkansas.

## Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for public distribution.

- Promotes informed decision making
- Develops transportation solutions to improve mobility and economic development
  
- The DEIS is available for review at:
  - Corning Public Library
  - Randolph County Library
  - Greene County Library
  - Lawrence County Library
  
- Online at [Future57.TransportationPlanroom.com](https://Future57.TransportationPlanroom.com)



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The FHWA has approved the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for public distribution. The DEIS promotes informed decision making in the development of a transportation solution(s) to improve mobility and economic development within the project area, the region, and the nation as an important enhancement of the national highway system.

The DEIS is available for public review at the public hearings, online, and at the following locations:

- Corning Public Library
- Randolph County Library
- Greene County Library
- Lawrence County Library
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## Preferred Alternative

- Present Preferred Alternative
  - The DEIS used a screening process to narrow the Preliminary Range of Alternatives to a smaller set of alternatives
  - The DEIS studied the alternatives in greater detail
  - The DEIS identified the Preferred Alternative
- Solicit comment on the DEIS
- Preferred Alternative
  - Combination of Alternative 2 and Alternative C
  - Begins at the Hwy. 67/412 interchange at Walnut Ridge
  - Terminates north of Corning at the Missouri Connector
  - Primarily located between Hwy. 67 and the Dave Donaldson Black River Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

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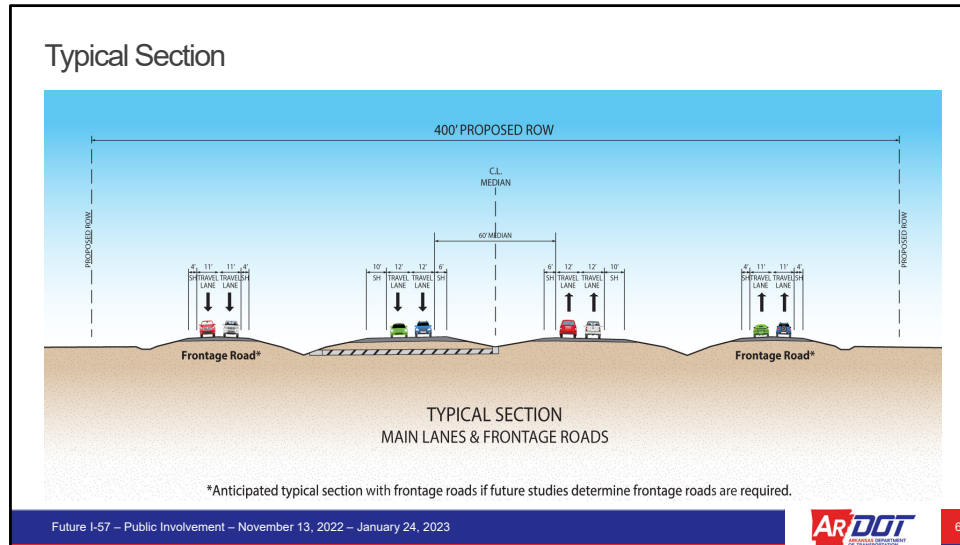
The purpose of this Location Public Hearing is to present the Preferred Alternative for the project and to solicit comments on the DEIS.

The DEIS used a screening process to narrow the Preliminary Range of Alternatives to a smaller set of alternatives. The narrowed list was then studied in greater detail in the DEIS which identified the Preferred Alternative.

The Preferred Alternative is a combination of Alternative 2 and Alternative C. The Preferred Alternative begins at the Highway 67/412 interchange at Walnut Ridge and terminates north of Corning at the Missouri State Line. The Preferred Alternative is primarily located between Highway 67 and the Dave Donaldson Black River Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Alternative C includes a 0.17-mile section of County Road 278 to accommodate an interim four-lane roadway that would tie the preferred alternative back into Highway 67 if Missouri Department of Transportation has not already completed their project at the state line.

The Preferred Alternative best maximizes the benefits from the project while minimizing the negative impacts to the extent possible.



The typical section for the Walnut Ridge to Missouri State Line connection in Clay, Greene, Lawrence, and Randolph counties consists of a four-lane divided highway with a depressed grass median. Each of the four travel lanes will be 12 feet wide with a 6-foot-wide shoulder on the inside and a 10-foot-wide shoulder on the outside. If future studies determine frontage roads are required, the travel lanes will be 11 feet wide with 4-foot-wide shoulders on each side.

## Meeting Dates

- **Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 4-7p.m.**  
Williams Baptist University, (Moody Room), 22 McClellan Dr., Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
- **Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 4-7p.m.**  
Pocahontas Community Center, 300 Geneva Dr., Pocahontas, Arkansas
- **Thursday, December 15, 2022, 4-7p.m.**  
M.B. Ainley Community Center, (Banquet Room), 536 E. Elm St., Corning, Arkansas

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There will be three Location Public Hearings for this project in December 2022, conditions permitting. The meetings will be held in a different location each night from 4 to 7 p.m. and all the same material will be available at each meeting.

- The first meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at Williams Baptist University (Moody Room), 22 McClellan Dr., Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.
- The second meeting will be Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at the Pocahontas Community Center, 300 Geneva Dr., Pocahontas, Arkansas.
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Comment forms will be available and accepted at the meetings.

## Project Information and Comment Period

- Sunday, November 13 through Tuesday, January 24, 2023

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Project information will be available on the project website from Sunday, November 13 through Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Comment forms will be available and accepted during this time.

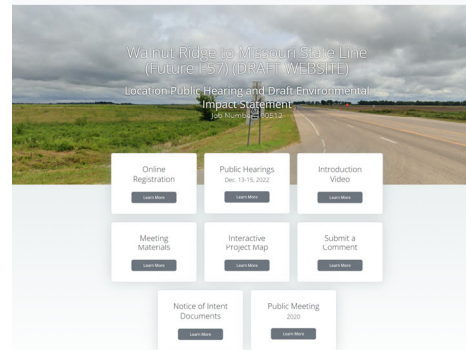


## Comment Forms and Additional Resources

Submit comments by

- Mail
- Email
- Online Form
- Phone

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Methods of submitting public comments include mail or email, using the online comment form, or by calling and leaving a recorded oral comment on our voicemail.

Individuals submitting public comments may have personally identifiable information published in future reports.

Contact Us

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For additional questions concerning this project, or if you need help submitting your comment form, please contact us by email at [PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com](mailto:PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com)

You can also call us at the phone number on your screen, 501-823-0730.

To mail in your comment form, send the form to the address on your screen.

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Thank you for participating in this Location Public Hearing for project 100512, Walnut Ridge to Missouri State Line (Future I-57), regarding the Preferred Alternative and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.